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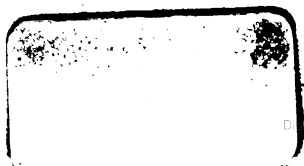
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## THE BOOK OF FRIENDSHIP

**N**OT wealth or honor do I ask  
As youth grows into age,  
But that my name be writ upon  
The Book of Friendship's page.

If only I may know the joy,  
When near Life's journey's end,  
Of clasping hands with those I love  
As friend doth welcome friend;

If only I have learned to love,  
When on Death's face I look;  
If only I may see my name,  
Inscribed in Friendship's Book!

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*By Exchange*  
to

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ME  
HIS FRIENDSHIP**

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# FROM ME TO YOU



**L**IFE is a matter of mutual exchange. The man who gives nothing, gets nothing. The attempt to get something for nothing is equally futile in business, in society and in friendship. Legitimate trade is merely a matter of exchange for mutual benefit; society demands social service before it grants recognition; and one cannot make friends until he has been a friend to others.

It is this giving and taking, this recognition of our mutual need that has held the world together; it is at the basis of all our civilization and the one who fails to understand this fundamental human relation has missed the meaning of Life.

Of all the "exchanges" that come into one's life that of friendship is the most spontaneous and the most beautiful. One chooses one's friends—a little circle of loyal comrades—out of a world full of eager, active toiling men and women. We give them our love, our faith and our confidence, and we receive theirs in return. We come to understand each other, to share each other's thoughts instinctively, and to need each other's companionship. The making of friends is the highest joy in living, and the keeping of friends should be the first business of our lives.

The meaning of friendship has been one of the sacred topics of all literatures. Poets and singers and seers have tried to

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define it and failed. It eludes all of us until we discover it for ourselves in our own lives, — and even then it baffles definition, meaning different things at different times and never the same for any two individualities.

Out of many volumes and from many authors these little “friendly thoughts” have been gathered in the hope that they will serve to carry from me to you something of the meaning of friendship.

# FROM ME TO YOU



**W**HAT is the secret of your life?" asked Mrs. Browning of Charles Kingsley; "Tell me that I may make mine beautiful too."

He replied, "I had a friend."



**W**E just shake hands at meeting  
With many that come nigh;  
We nod the head in greeting  
To many that go by.  
But welcome through the gateway  
Our few old friends and true;  
Then hearts leap up and straightway  
There's open house for you, —  
Old friends,  
There's open house for you!

— *Gerald Massey*



**T**HE best that we find in our travels is an honest friend. \

He is a fortunate voyager who finds many.

— *Robert Louis Stevenson*

**H**ERE'S a sigh to those who love me,  
 And a smile to those who hate;  
 And whatever sky's above me,  
 Here's a heart for every fate.

— *Lord Byron*



**T**RUE friends, like ivy and the wall  
 Both stand together, and together fall.



**A**S gold more splendid from the fire appears,  
 Thus friendship brightens by the length of years.



**I**NFINITE is the help man can yield to man.

— *Thomas Carlyle*



**O**F all the blessings Heaven doth send,  
 Of all the gifts that life doth lend,  
 Of all rewards the utmost end,  
 Of joys the essence and the blend,—  
 Here's to the one who'll not pretend  
 But is, and stays the steadfast friend!



**N**EVER can I be poor the while I pray,  
 "Share you my love and store!"

I shall be beggared only on that day

You ask of me no more. — *Theodosia Garrison*

**I** SHUN a friend who pronounces my actions to be good though they are bad. I like a simple friend, who holds my faults like a looking-glass before my face.

— *Ghozali*



**T**HIS matter of friendship is often regarded slightly as a mere accessory of life, a happy chance if one falls into it, but not as entering into the substance of life. No mistake can be greater. It is, as Emerson says, not a thing of "glass threads or frost-work, but the solidest thing we know."

— *T. T. Munger*



**T**HAT friend who serves, and seeks for gain,  
And follows but for form,  
Will pack when it begins to rain,  
And leave you in the storm.

— *William Shakespeare*



**M**UCH as worthy friends add to the happiness and value of life, we must in the main depend upon ourselves, and every one is his own best friend or worst enemy.

— *Lord Evesbury*



**W**HAT a thing friendship is —  
World without end!

— *Robert Browning*

**O** FRIEND, my bosom said,  
 Through thee alone the sky is arched,  
 Through thee the rose is red,  
 All things through thee take nobler form,  
 And look beyond the earth,  
 The mill-round of our fate appears  
 A sun-path in thy worth.  
 Me, too, thy nobleness has taught  
 To master my despair;  
 The fountains of my hidden life  
 Are through thy friendship fair.

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



**E**VERY true friend is a glimpse of God.

— *Lucy Larcom*



**T**HE heart-whole, pure in faith, once-written friend,  
 In life and death are true, unto the end.

— *J. E. Cooke*



**A** SLENDER acquaintance with the world must convince  
 every man that actions, not words, are the true criterion  
 of the attachment of friends; and that the most liberal profes-  
 sion of good-will is very far from being the surest mark of it.

— *George Washington*



**T**O make the world a friendly place  
 One must show it a friendly face.

**H**E is my friend! The words  
 Brought Summer and the birds;  
 And all my Winter time  
 Thawed into running rhyme  
 And rippled into song,  
 Warm, tender, brave and strong.

And so it sings to-day —  
 So may it sing alway!  
 Let each mute measure end  
 With "Still he is my friend."

— *James Whitcomb Riley*



**I** ACCOUNT it one of the greatest demonstrations of real  
 friendship, that a friend can really endeavor to have his  
 friend advanced in honor, in reputation, in the opinion of wit  
 or learning, before himself.

— *Jeremy Taylor*



**T**HERE is no folly equal to that of throwing away friend-  
 ship in a world where friendship is so rare.

— *Edward Bulwer-Lytton*



**L**ET death ope or lock his gate,  
 Let the lilies break or bend,  
 And the iron will of fate  
 Sorrows now or fortune send —  
 As for me, I have a friend!

— *Ernestine Gaffey*



**T**HE man that hails you "Tom" or "Jack,"  
 And proves by thumps upon your back  
 How he esteems your merit,  
 Is such a friend that one had need  
 Be very much his friend indeed  
 To pardon or to bear it.

— *Cowper*



**F**RIENDSHIP cheers like a sunbeam; charms like a good story; inspires like a brave leader; binds like a golden chain; guides like a heavenly vision.

— *Newell Dwight Hillis*



**A**LL men have their frailties, and whoever looks for a friend without imperfections will never find what he seeks.



**S**O long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.

— *Robert Louis Stevenson*



**W**E can never replace a friend. When a man is fortunate enough to have several, he finds they are all different. No one has a double in friendship.

— *J. C. F. Schiller*

**T**WO men each other loved to that degree,  
 That either friend did in the other see  
 A dearer than himself. They lived of old,  
 Both golden natures in an age of gold.

— *Theocritus*



**B**E that is thy friend indeed  
 He will help thee in thy need.

If thou sorrow, he will weep,  
 If thou wake, he cannot sleep.

Thus, of every grief in heart  
 He with thee doth bear a part.

These are certain signs to know  
 Faithful friend from flattering foe.

— *Richard Barnfield*



**I**N the hours of distress and misery, the eyes of every mortal  
 man turn to friendship; in the hour of gladness and con-  
 viviality, what is our want? It is friendship. When the heart  
 overflows with gratitude, or with any other sweet and sacred  
 sentiment, what is the word to which it would give utterance?  
 A friend.

— *Landor*



**B**E a friend; the rest will follow.

— *Dickerson*

**G**IVE me one friend, just one, who meets  
 The needs of all my varying moods;  
 Be we in noisy city streets,  
 Or in dear Nature's solitudes.

One who can let the World go by,  
 And suffer not a minute's pang;  
 Who'd dare to shock propriety  
 With me, and never care a hang.

One who can share my grief or mirth,  
 And know my days to praise or curse;  
 And rate me just for what I'm worth,  
 And find me still, — Oh, not so worse!

Give me one friend, for peace or war,  
 And I shall hold myself well blest,  
 And richly compensated for  
 The cussedness of all the rest.

— *Esther M. Clark*



**T**HE greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are  
 loved, loved for ourselves, or rather loved in spite of  
 ourselves.

— *Victor Hugo*



**A** DAY for toil, an hour for sport,  
 But for a friend is life too short.

— *Emerson*

**I** THINK when people have forgotten that each other exists, it is as though they had never met. They are perhaps something more distant still than strangers. For to strangers, friendship in the future is possible; but those who have been separated by oblivion on the one hand and by contempt on the other are parted as surely and eternally as though death had divided them.

— *Ouida*



**A** TRUE friend is an inspiration as well as a comfort, not so much by what he does for us as by what he incites us to do and to be, because of his example, his deeds, and his ideals. What others see in us to admire or to be grateful for is a result of what our friends are, and of what our friends, perhaps all unconsciously, have induced us to strive to become.



**T**HIS is my friend — through good or ill report,  
My friend. He who injures him by word or deed,  
Were it but the thin film of an idle breath  
Clouding the clear glass of a stainless soul,  
He injures me.

— *Richard Hovey*



**A** FRIEND is worth all the hazards we can run.

— *Edward Young*



**N**OW sweet, how passing sweet is solitude!  
But grant me still a friend in my retreat,  
Whom I may whisper — "Solitude is sweet."

— *La Bruyere*

**O**F a sudden at a well-known corner,  
 In the densest throng,  
 Unexpected at the very moment  
 As an April robin's gush of song,  
 Some one smiles; and there's the perfect comrade  
 I have missed so long.

— *Bliss Carman*

**T**HE problem of friendship is the problem of life itself.  
 He who has learned to love — and only he — has learned  
 to live.

— *Henry Churchill King*

**A** FRIEND is the first person who comes in when the whole  
 world has gone out.

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**W**HATEVER the number of a man's friends, there will  
 be times in his life when he has too few.

— *Bulwer-Lytton*

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**H**E who has a thousand friends,  
 Has not a friend to spare,  
 And he who has one enemy  
 Will meet him everywhere.

— *Ali Ben Abu Tahab*

**F**RIENDSHIP'S true laws are by this rule exprest,  
 Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest.

— *Alexander Pope*

**I**F you have a friend worth loving,  
 Love him, yes, and let him know  
 That you love him, ere life's evening  
 Tinge his brow with sunset glow;  
 Why should good words ne'er be said  
 Of a friend till he is dead?



**B**LESSED are they who have the gift of making friends,  
 for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things,  
 but above all the power of going out of one's self, and appre-  
 ciating what is noble and loving in another.

— *Thomas Hughes*



**A** FRIENDSHIP that makes the least noise is very often  
 the most useful, for which reason I should prefer a  
 prudent friend to a zealous one.

— *Addison*



**A** TRUE friend unbosoms freely, advises justly, assists  
 readily, adventures boldly, takes all patiently, defends  
 courageously, and continues a friend unchangeably.

— *William Penn*



**T**HERE is a destiny which makes us brothers, —  
 None goes on his way alone;  
 All that we send into the lives of others,  
 Comes back into our own.

— *Edwin Markham*

**S**O far as I can see, the basis of friendship must be four-fold: integrity, breadth, and depth of personality; some deep community of interests; mutual self-revelation and answering trust; and mutual self-giving.

—*Henry Churchill King*



**I** WOULD be friend to all—the foe—the friendless,  
 I would be giving and forget the gift,  
 I would be humble, for I know my weakness,  
 I would look up—and laugh—and love—and lift!

—*Howard A. Walter*



**H**OW can we tell what coming people are aboard the ships  
 that may be sailing to us now from the unknown seas?

—*Charles Dickens*



**F**RIENDSHIP above all ties does bind the heart,  
 And faith in friendship is the noblest part.

—*Lord Orrery*



**I**F I had the inclination and ability to do the cruelest thing  
 upon earth to the man I hated, I would lay him under the  
 necessity of borrowing money of a friend.

—*E. Moore*



**W**HAT do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult  
 to others?

—*George Eliot*

TO A FRIEND OF MINE FROM A FRIEND OF THINE

**I** COUNT your friendship one of the chiefest pleasures of my life, a comfort in time of doubt and trouble, a joy in time of prosperity and success, and an inspiration at all times. My fondest hope is that I may be worthy of a place in your friendship, and being admitted to that sacred circle, that I may never prove unfaithful to your trust in me. So, I am sending my heartiest wishes to a friend of mine in the hope that you will accept them as from a friend of thine.

— *Edwin Osgood Grover*



**W**HEN two friends part they should lock up each other's secrets and exchange keys. The truly noble mind has no resentments.



**W**HEN Zeno was asked what a friend was, he replied, "Another I."

— *Diogenes Laertius*



**S**OMETIME there will come an end  
To its present faithfulness —  
Sometime I may ask in vain  
For the touch of it again,  
When between us land or sea  
Holds it ever back from me.

— *James Whitcomb Riley*



**A** LITTLE peaceful home  
 Bounds all my wants and wishes; add to this  
 My book and friend, and this is happiness.

— *Francesco di Rioja*



**T** HE language of friendship is not words, but meanings. It  
 is an intelligence above language.

— *Henry David Thoreau*



**B** E my friend, and teach me to be thine. — *Emerson*



**O** F our mixed life two quests are given control;  
 Food for the body, friendship for the soul.

— *Arthur Upson*



**H** APPY is the house that shelters a friend. — *Emerson*



**T** HE name of friend is common, but faith in friendship is  
 rare.

— *Phaedrus*



**Y** OU cannot extort friendship with a cocked pistol.

— *Sidney Smith*



**L** IFE is to be fortified by many friendships. To love and  
 to be loved is the greatest happiness of existence.

— *Sydney Smith*

**D**OT hate, but glory, made these chiefs contend;  
And each brave foe was in his soul a friend.

— *Pope*



**H**E was once asked what is a friend, and his answer was,  
“One soul abiding in two bodies.”

— *Diogenes*



**W**OMEN, like princes, find few real friends.

— *Lord Lyttleton*



**N**ATURE teaches beasts to know their friends.

— *Shakespeare*



**'T**IS sweet, as year by year we lose  
Friends out of sight, in faith to muse  
How grows in Paradise our store.

— *John Keble*



**I** WOULD not enter on my list of friends  
(Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,  
Yet wanting sensibility) the man  
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

— *Cowper*

**I** AM no friend to purely psychological attachments. In some unknown future they may be satisfying, but in the present I want your words and your voice, with your thoughts, your looks, and your gestures to interpret your feelings. The warm strong grasp of Great-heart's hand is as dear to me as the steadfast fashion of his friendships.

— *Henry van Dyke*



**T**HE very idea of a worthy friendship implies that the friends need and desire each other; are sure that each has much to give to the other; and so are continuously receptive and eager for the other's gift. Unteachableness shuts one off from his friend's best gift.

— *Henry Churchill King*



**T**HE true friend seeks to give, not to take; to help, not to be helped; to minister, not to be ministered unto.

— *William Rader*



**E**VERY man should have a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.

— *Henry Ward Beecher*



**I**F your friend has got a heart,  
 There is something fine in him;  
 Cast away his darker part,—  
 Cling to what's divine in him.

## THE HEART'S ANCHOR

**T**HINK of me as your friend I pray,  
And call me by a loving name;  
I will not care what others say,  
If only you remain the same.  
I will not care how dark the night,  
I will not care how wild the storm,  
Your love will fill my heart with light  
And shield me close and keep me warm.

Think of me as your friend, I pray,  
For else my life is little worth:  
So shall your memory light my way,  
Although we meet no more on earth.  
For while I know your faith secure,  
I ask no happier fate to see:  
Thus to be loved by one so pure  
Is honor rich enough for me.

*William Winter*



**I** WONDER if there is anything in this world as beautiful as good, strong friendship between two men. They don't go round doing the mollicoddle act; they don't kiss each other every time they meet; in fact, they never do kiss each other, unless one is lying cold in death, but they are sure one knows the other is always going to stand by him, and they feel that no matter what happens, each can rely on the other.

**T**HEN brim the goblet and quaff the toast  
To a friend or two,  
For glad the man who can always boast  
Of a friend or two;  
The fairest sight is a friendly face,  
The blithest tread is a friendly pace,  
And heaven will be a better place  
For a friend or two.

— *Wilbur D. Nesbit*



**H**APPY bit hame this auld world would be,  
If men, when they're here, could make shift to agree,  
An' ilk said to his neighbor, in cottage and ha',  
"Come gi'e me your hand, we are brethren a'."

— *Robert Nicoll*



**F**EW men have strength to honor a friend's success without  
envy.

— *Aeschylus*



**I**T is more disgraceful to distrust than to be deceived by our  
friends.



**'T**IS friends who make this desert world  
To blossom as the rose;  
Strew flowers o'er our rugged path,  
Pour sunshine o'er our woes.

**B**E true to your word, your work, and your friend.



**T**HINK of the importance of friendship in the education of men. It will make a man honest; it will make him a hero; it will make him a saint. It is the state of the just dealing with the just, the magnanimous with the magnanimous, the sincere with the sincere, man with man.

—*Henry D. Thoreau*



**I** WISH my deadly foe no worse  
Than want of friends, and empty purse.

—*Nicholas Breton*



**S**OME friendships are made by nature, some by contract,  
some by interest and some by souls.

—*Jeremy Taylor*



**B**UT the best is the clasped hands of comrades when night-fall is near.

The best is the rest and the friendship, the calm of the soul,  
When the stars are in heaven and the runner lies down at  
the goal.

—*Richard Hovey*

**I** HEAR it was charged against me that I sought to destroy  
institutions,  
But really I am neither for nor against institutions,  
Only I will establish in Manahatta and in every city of these  
States, inland and seaboard,  
And in the fields and woods, and above every keel little or large  
that dents the water,  
The institution of the dear love of comrades.

— *Walt Whitman*



**T**HE firmest friendships have been formed in mutual ad-  
versity, as iron is most strongly united by the fiercest  
flame.



**M**Y friends have come unsought. The great God gave them  
to me.

— *Emerson*



**H**E does good to himself, who does good to his friend.

— *Erasmus*



**T**HE friendship between you and me I will not compare to  
a chain; for that the rains might rust, or the falling tree  
break.

— *George Bancroft*



**O**UR chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do  
what we can. This is the service of a friend.

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**C**EREMONY and great professing renders friendship as much suspected as it does religion.

— *Wycherley*



**T**HE most familiar and intimate habitudes, connections, friendships, require a degree of good-breeding both to preserve and cement them.

— *Chesterfield*



**F**RIENDSHIP is a word the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm.

— *Augustine Birrell*



**I**T is chance that makes brothers, but hearts that make friends.



**R**EAL friendship, like all best things, costs; but also like them, it pays.



**L**OVE will obtain and possess; friendship makes sacrifices, but asks nothing.

— *Emanuel von Geibel*



**T**HE youth of friendship is better than its old age.

— *Hazlitt*



**A** MAN that hath friends must shew himself friendly.

— *The Book of Proverbs*



**C**HOOOSE your friend wisely,  
Test your friend well;  
True friends, like rarest gems,  
Prove hard to tell.  
Winter him, Summer him,  
Know your friend well.



**S**O that to be a true friend in every relation of life, seems  
to be the sum of all.

— *Henry Churchill King*



**T**HE significance of a friendship must depend, first of all,  
upon the significance of the persons concerned. Neither  
can give anything essential but himself. That self, then, if  
one seeks a friendship of real significance, ought to be the best  
possible.

— *Henry Churchill King*



**W**HAT is loving but wishing one to enjoy the best possible  
good fortune, even if none of it accrues to one's  
self!

— *Cicero*



**A**LL like the purchase; few the price will pay;  
And this makes friends such miracles to-day.

— *Edward Young*



**W**HO seeks a faultless friend rests friendless.

— *Turkish Proverb*

**B**UT, after all, the very best thing in good talk, and the thing that helps most, is friendship. How it dissolves the barriers that divide us, and loosens all constraint, and diffuses itself like some fine old cordial through all the veins of life — this feeling that we understand and trust each other, and wish each other heartily well! Everything into which it really comes is good.

— *Henry van Dyke*



**G**OD never loved me in so sweet a way before.  
 'Tis He alone who can such blessings send.  
 And when His love would new expressions find,  
 He brought thee to me and He said —  
 “Behold a friend.”



**T**HE finest evidence of the genuineness of our friendship is the gladness with which we give ourselves for the enrichment of those whom we have admitted to our hearts.



**L**OVE knows no reserve. It never grows weary. It counts nothing a sacrifice. Its highest joy is in self-surrender. It gives gladly. It accepts reluctantly. Better, it says, to wear out in self-forgetting toil than to live long in complacent self-indulgence.



**H**E is a friend who in a difficulty helps by deeds, where there is need of deeds.

— *Plautus*

**W**E do not wish for friends to feed and clothe our bodies, —neighbors are kind enough for that— but to do the like office to our spirits. For this few are rich enough, however well disposed they may be.

— *Henry D. Thoreau*



**F**ORSAKE not an old friend; for the new is not comparable to him; a new friend is as new wine; when it is old thou shalt drink with pleasure.

— *Proverbs*



**A**S in the fire the yellow gold is tried,  
So friendship's faith can but be proved in time  
Of dark adversity.

— *Ovid*



**E**VERYONE can have a friend who himself knows how to be a friend.

— *Old Saying*



**A** TRUE friend to a man is a friend to all his friends.

— *Wycherley*



**Y**OUTH is the season of friendships, when we are prodigal with our affections, and thus it happens that of all those bonds so thoughtlessly formed some endure. It is an instinct of the heart that provides a store for the winter.

— *Arthur S. Hardy*

**G**IVE, and you may keep your friend if you lose your money; lend, and the chances are that you lose your friend if ever you get back your money. — *Bulwer-Lytton*



**F**RIENDSHIP is an education. It draws the friend out of himself and all that is selfish and ignoble in him and leads him to life's higher levels of altruism and sacrifice. Many a man has been saved from a life of frivolity and emptiness to a career of noble service by finding at a critical hour the right kind of friend.



**P**EOPLE who have warm friends are healthier and happier than those who have none. A single real friend is a treasure worth more than gold or precious stones. Money can buy many things, good and evil. All the wealth of the world could not buy you a friend or pay you for the loss of one.



**A** FRIEND that you have to buy won't be worth what you pay for him, no matter what that may be.

— *George D. Prentice*



**T**O distrust a friend is a double folly. Trust is friendship.

— *Bryant A. Wooster*



**F**RIENDS slowly won are long held.

**T**O my friend I write a letter, and from him I receive a letter. That seems to be a little thing. It suffices me. It is a spiritual gift, worthy of him to give, and of me to receive. In these warm lines the heart will trust itself, as it will not to the tongue, and pour out the prophecy of a godlier existence than all the annals of heroism have yet made good.

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



**I**F words came as readily as ideas and ideas as feeling, I could say ten hundred kindly things. You know not my supreme happiness at having one on earth whom I can call a friend.

— *Charles Lamb*



**I**F instead of a gem, or even a flower, we should cast the gift of rich thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give.

— *George MacDonald*



**M**Y friend is one whom I can associate with my choicest thoughts.

— *Thoreau*



**F**RIENDSHIP that flows from the heart cannot be frozen by adversity, as the water that flows from the spring cannot congeal in winter.

— *James Fenimore Cooper*



**F**RIENDSHIP, of itself a holy tie,  
Is made more sacred by adversity. — *Dryden*

**C**AN friend lose friend? Believe it not!  
 The tissue whereof life is wrought,  
 Weaving the separate into one,  
 Nor end hath, nor beginning; spun  
 From subtle threads of destiny  
 Finer than thought of man can see.  
 God takes not back his gift divine,  
 While thy soul lives, thy friend is thine.

— *Lucy Larcom*



**I** LIVE for those who love me,  
 Whose hearts are kind and true,  
 For the human ties that bind me,  
 For the task by God assigned me,  
 For the bright hopes left behind me,  
 And the good that I can do.

— *George L. Banks*



**T**O have joy one must share it, —  
 Happiness was born a twin.

— *Byron*



**H**E who lives for himself alone, lives for a very mean fellow.



**B**E a friend to yersel, and ithers will. — *Scotch Proverb*

**F**RIENDSHIP is usually treated by the majority of mankind as a tough and everlasting thing which will survive all manner of bad treatment. But this is an exceedingly great and foolish error; it may die in an hour of a single unwise word.

— *Ouida*



**I** DON'T meddle with what my friends believe or reject, any more than I ask whether they are rich or poor; I love them.

— *James Russell Lowell*



**T**O preserve a friend, three things are required: to honor him present, praise him absent, and assist him in his necessities.

— *Italian Proverb*



**I**F a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man, sir, should keep his friendships in constant repair.

— *Samuel Johnson*



**W**OULD you write a friendly letter?  
Do it now.

It perchance may drive a shadow

From the brow

Of the one who will receive it,

And may tend

To bring kinder, happier feelings

To a friend.

**T**HERE is no friend like the old friend who has shared our morning days,

No greeting like his welcome, no homage like his praise;  
Fame is the scentless sunflower, with gaudy crown of gold;  
But friendship is the breathing rose, with sweets in every fold.

— *Oliver Wendell Holmes*



**I**T is a good and safe rule to sojourn in every place as if you meant to spend your life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness, or speaking a true word, or making a friend.

— *John Ruskin*



**W**E call that person who has lost his father, an orphan; and a widower, that man who has lost his wife. And that man who has known that immense unhappiness of losing a friend, by what name do we call him? Here every human language holds its peace in impotence.

— *Joseph Ricoux*



**H**E was a friend indeed,  
With all a friend's best virtues shining bright;  
It was no broken reed  
You leaned on, when you trusted to his might.

— *W. H. Brickhead*



**T**HE art of life is to keep down acquaintances. One's friends one can manage, but one's acquaintances can be the devil!

— *Edward Verrall Lucas*



**B**REAK not an ancient friendship; keep it hale;  
 Stir round its roots that it be green of heart;  
 Let not the spirit of its growth depart,  
 It is a power to brave the strongest gale.

— *William Wesley Martin*



**T**HERE is an idea abroad among moral people that they should make their neighbors good. One person I have to make good: myself. But my duty to my neighbor is much more nearly expressed by saying that I have to make him happy — if I may.

— *Robert Louis Stevenson*



**W**HAT joy is better than the news of friends?

— *Robert Browning*



**O**NE of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and to be understood.



**T**HE comfort of having a friend may be taken away,  
 but not that of having had one.

— *Seneca*



**C**OMMON friendships will admit of division; one may love the beauty of this, the good humor of that person, the liberality of a third, the paternal affection of a fourth, the fraternal love of a fifth, and so on. But this friendship that possesses the whole soul, and there rules and sways with an absolute sovereignty, can admit of no rival. — *Montaigne*

**T**HOU goest thy way and I go mine;  
 Apart, yet not afar;  
 Only a thin veil hangs between  
 The pathways where we are;  
 And "God keep watch 'tween thee and me,"  
 This is my prayer;  
 He looks thy way. He looketh mine.  
 And keeps us near. — *Julia A. Baker*



**G**OOD books, fine pictures, faithful friends; can one have  
 too many of them?



**D**EAR friend, I pray thee, if thou wouldst be proving  
 Thy strong regard for me,  
 Make me no vows. Lip service is not loving;  
 Let thy faith speak for thee.

— *Ella Wheeler Wilcox*



**L**ARGE was his bounty, and his soul sincere,  
 Heaven did a recompense as largely send;  
 He gave to Misery (all he had) a tear;  
 He gained from Heaven ('twas all he wished) a friend.

— *Thomas Gray*



**L**OVE liveth upon hope,  
 Friendship upon memory.

— *Gassicourt*

**F**ELLOWSHIP is heaven, and lack of fellowship is hell;  
 fellowship is life, and lack of fellowship is death; and  
 the deeds that ye do upon earth, it is for fellowship's sake that  
 ye do them. — William Morris



**G**IVE me the avowed, the erect, the manly foe;  
 Bold I can meet, perhaps may turn his blow;  
 But of all plagues, good Heaven, thy wrath can send,  
 Save, oh! save me from the Candid Friend!  
— George Channing



**I**T is a good thing to be rich, and a good thing to be strong,  
 but it is a better thing to be beloved of many friends.  
— Euripides



**I** OFTEN find myself going back to Darwin's saying about  
 the duration of a man's friendship being one of the best  
 measures of his worth. — Anne Thackeray Ritchie



**T**HESE things do not require to be spoken; there is some-  
 thing in the hand grip, and the look in the eye that makes  
 you know your man. — C. Haddon Chambers



**H**E will never have true friends who is afraid of making  
 enemies. William Hazlitt

**F**ALTER? When the hills do!  
 Falter? When the sun  
 Questions if his glory  
 Be the perfect one!  
 Surfeit? When the Daffodil  
 Doth of the Dew,  
 Even as thyself, O, friend,  
 I will of you!

— *Emily Dickinson*



**R**EJOICE, and men will seek you;  
 Grieve, and they turn and go,  
 They want full measure of all your pleasure,  
 But they do not need your woe.  
 Be glad, and your friends are many;  
 Be sad, and you lose them all,—  
 There are none to decline your nectar'd wine,  
 But alone you must drink life's gall.

— *Ella Wheeler Wilcox*



**I**T is my joy in life to find  
 At every turning of the road  
 The strong arms of a comrade kind  
 To help me onward with my load;  
 And since I have no gold to give,  
 And love alone must make amends,  
 My only prayer is, while I live—  
 God make me worthy of my friends.

— *Frank Dempster Sherman*

**F**RIENDSHIP is to be valued for what there is in it, not what can be gotten out of it. To seek friendship for its utility is as futile as to seek the end of a rainbow for its bag of gold. A true friend is always useful in the highest sense; but we should beware of thinking of our friends as brother members of a mutual benefit association, with its periodical demands and threats of suspension for non-payment of dues.

— *Trumbull*



**I** WOULD go up to the gates of hell with a friend,  
Through thick and thin."

The other said, as he bit off a concha end,

"I would go in."

— *John Ernest McCann*



**A**N open foe may prove a curse,  
But a pretended friend is worse.

— *John Gay*



**W**HATEVER the number of a man's friends, there will be times in his life when he has one too few; but if he has only one enemy, he is lucky indeed, if he has not one too many.

— *Bulwer-Lytton*



**T**HE ring of coin is often the knell of friendship.



**H**OWEVER rare true love is, true friendship is rarer.

— *La Rochefoucauld*

**T**HY friend will come to thee unsought  
 With nothing can his love be bought,  
 His soul thine own will know at sight,  
 With him thy heart can speak outright.  
 Greet him nobly, love him well,  
 Show him where your best thoughts dwell,  
 Trust him greatly and for aye;  
 A true friend comes but once your way.



**F**RIENDSHIP is the essence and the aroma of life, distilled from human hearts that find in each other the understanding of the other's needs. It is this understanding that opens wide the doors of friendship and lets the heart pass through.

—E. O. G.



**B**Y sympathy I do not mean merely a fellowship in sorrow, but also, and no less truly, a fellowship in joy. To be glad when your brother men are prosperous and happy, to rejoice in their success, to cheer for their victories, to be compassionate and pitiful when your brother men are distressed and miserable, to grieve over their failures, to help them in their troubles—this is the fraternal spirit which blesses him who exercises it and those toward whom it is exercised.

—Henry van Dyke



**A** DAY for toil, an hour for sport,  
 But for a friend—life is too short.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

**B**BETTER, I said, to live and waste in living,  
 Than lie in useless sleep;  
 Who gives to others what is worth the giving,  
 Cannot both give and keep.

— *Joseph F. Berry*



**T**O keep a few friends, but these without capitulation—  
 above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends  
 with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of forti-  
 tude and delicacy.

— *Robert Louis Stevenson*



**I**T is only the great-hearted who can be true friends; the  
 mean and the cowardly can never know what true friend-  
 ship is.

— *Charles Kingsley*



**T**HE only reward of virtue, is virtue: The only way to  
 have a friend is to be one.

— *Emerson*



**J**ES' a-wearying for you,  
 All the time a-feelin' blue,  
 Restless—don't know what to do—  
 Jes' a-wearyin' for you.

— *Frank L. Stanton*



**T**HE years have taught some sweet, some bitter lessons—  
 none wiser than this: to spend in all things else, but of  
 old friends to be most miserly.

— *Lowell*

LOVE is a sudden blaze, which soon decays;  
 Friendship is like the sun's eternal rays;  
 Not daily benefits exhaust the flame;  
 It still is giving, and still burns the same. — *Gay*



WE are the weakest of spendthrifts if we let one friend drop off through inattention, or let one push away another, or if we hold aloof from one for petty jealousy or heedless roughness. Would you throw away a diamond because it pricked you? One good friend is not to be weighed against all the jewels of the earth.



AND though a coat may a button lack,  
 And though a face be sooty and black,  
 And though rough words in a speech may blend,  
 A heart's a heart, and a friend's a friend.  
— *Will Carleton*



HE who is a friend to everybody is nobody's friend.  
— *Spanish Proverb*



IF I had the time to learn from you,  
 How much for comfort my word could do,  
 Brothers, the souls of us all would chime  
 If we had the time! — *Richard Burton*



**O**LD books, old wine, old Nankin blue,  
 All things, in short, to which belong  
 The charm, the grace that Time makes strong,  
 All things I prize but (*entre nous*)  
 Old friends are best.

— *Austin Dobson*



**T**HERE are evergreen men and women in the world, praise be to God!—not many of them, but a few. The sun of our prosperity makes the green of their friendship no brighter, the frost of our adversity kills not the leaves of their affection.

— *Jerome K. Jerome*



**F**OR believe me, in this world which is ever slipping from under our feet, it is the prerogative of friendship to grow old with one's friends.

— *Arthur S. Hardy*



**T**HE unfinished friendships of this life are at once its dearest experiences and most glorious hopes.

— *Elizabeth Stuart Phelps*



**A**BOVE our life we love a steadfast friend.

— *Marlowe*



**W**E never know the true value of friends. While they live, we are too sensitive to their faults; when we have lost them, we see only their virtues. — *J. C. and A. W. Hare*

**B**Y friendship, I mean the greatest love and the greatest usefulness, and the most open communication and the noblest suffering, and the most exemplary faithfulness, and the severest truth, and the heartiest counsel, and the greatest union of minds of which brave men and women and capable.

— *Jeremy Taylor*



**F**RIENDS are the Ancient and Honorable of the earth. The oldest men did not begin friendship. It is older than Hindustan and the Chinese Empire. How long it has been cultivated, and still it is the staple article! It is a divine league forever struck.

— *Henry D. Thoreau*



**A** TRUE test of friendship, — to sit or walk with a friend for an hour in perfect silence without wearying of one another's company.

— *Dinah Muloch Craik*



**I**T is not enough to love those who are near and dear to us. We must show them that we do so.

— *Lord Avebury.*



**A** CROWD is not a company, and faces are but a gallery of pictures, and talk but a tinkling cymbal, where there is no love.

— *Francis Bacon*



**T**HE making of friends, who are real friends, is the best token we have of a man's success in life.

— *Hale*

**T**HERE are three friendships which are advantageous, and three which are injurious. Friendship with the upright; friendship with the sincere, and friendship with the man of observation: these are advantageous. Friendship with the man of specious airs; friendship with the insinuatingly soft, and friendship with the glib tongue: these are injurious.

— *Confucius*



**T**O work, to help and to be helped, to learn sympathy through suffering, to learn faith by perplexity, to reach truth through wonder,—behold! this is what it is to prosper, this is what it is to live.

— *Phillips Brooks*



**F**RIENDSHIP is a strong and habitual inclination in two persons to promote the good and happiness of each other.

— *Joseph Addison*



**T**HE first foundation of friendship is not the power of conferring benefits, but the equality with which they are received, and may be returned.

— *Funius*



**G**RIEF knits two hearts in closer bonds than happiness ever can; and common sufferings are far stronger links than common joys.

— *Lamartine*



**T**ALKING with a friend is nothing else but thinking aloud.

— *Addison*

**T**HE friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,  
 Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel;  
 But do not dull the palm with entertainment  
 Of each new-hatched, unfledged comrade.



**W**ERE I made to prognosticate the future of man, I would  
 first put my ear to his heart.

— *Alfred Henry Lewis*



**I** HAD three chairs in my house; one for solitude, two for  
 friendship, three for society. — *Henry David Thoreau*



**W**ANTING to have a friend is altogether different from  
 wanting to be a friend.

— *Miller*



**L**IFE hath no joy like his who fights with Fate  
 Shoulder to shoulder with a stricken friend.

— *Watts-Dunton*



**J**UDGE before friendship, then confide till death.

— *Young*



**F**RIENDS are lost by calling often and calling seldom.

**I** AM like one of those boxes I have seen, enclosing several boxes of similar form though lessening in size. The person with whom I have the least congeniality sees only the outermost. Another person has something more interesting in his character; he sees the next box. Another sees still the inner one. But the friend of my heart, with whom I have full sympathy, sees the innermost of all.

— *John Foster*



**W**E do not make friends as we make houses, but discover them as we do the arbutus, under the leaves of our lives, concealed in our experience.

— *William Rader*



**E**NTREAT me not to leave thee, nor to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God. Where thou diest I will die, and there I will be buried; the Lord do so to me and more also, if aught but death parts thee and me.

— *Ruth to Naomi*



**A** FRIEND'S frown is better than a fool's smile.



**G**OD preserve me from my friends; from my enemies I will preserve myself.

**O**UR home is where our friends abide. We are lonely in the crowded city, if our friends are not there; we are contented in the desert wild, if our friends are about us. In true friendship is our inspiration of the present, our hope of the future. When our friends are all gone, our achievements are ended.

*— Charles Edward Locke*



**F**RIENDSHIP — *our* friendship — is like the beautiful shadows of evening.

Spreading and growing till life and its light pass away.

*— Michael Vitkovics*



**T**HAT friendship will not continue to the end that is begun for an end.

*— Francis Quarles*



**A** FRIEND is one who incessantly pays us the compliment of expecting from us all the virtues, and who can appreciate them in us.

*— Henry D. Thoreau*



**N**O man is sufficient for himself, and therefore, Nature teacheth him to desire an helper, — wherefore friendship.

*— Richard Baxter*



**N**OTHING makes the earth seem so spacious as to have friends at a distance; they make the latitudes and longitudes.

*— Henry D. Thoreau*

**W**HAT man may last, but never lives,  
Who much receives but nothing gives;  
Whom none can love, whom none can thank,  
Creation's blot, creation's blank. — *Thomas Gibbons*



**A**BENEVOLENT man should allow a few faults in himself, to keep his friends in countenance.  
— *Benjamin Franklin*



**I**T is well that there is no one without a fault, for he would not have a friend in the world.  
— *William Hazlitt*



**'T**IS thus in friendship; who depends  
On many, rarely finds a friend.  
— *John Gay*



**T**RUE happiness  
Consists not in the multitude of friends,  
But in their worth and choice.  
— *Ben Jonson*



**R**EACH your hand to me, my friend,  
With its heartiest caress —

**W**E dreamed of giving, and lo! the bounds of life have been pushed out for us, and all life enlarged. We thought of losing life; we never found life before. And so, in one way or another, in the midst of the providential relations of life, we seem almost to stumble as by accident upon the sole riches of unselfish love, that in our selfishness we could not have insight enough to choose for its own sake. And then we know what a friend, what love means.

— *Henry Churchill King*



**T**HE man who will share his purse with you in the days of poverty and distress, and like the good Samaritan, be surety for your support to the landlord, you may admit to your confidence, incorporate into the very core of your heart, and call him friend; misfortunes cannot shake him from you; a prison will not conceal you from his sight.



**A** FRIEND is dearer than the light of heaven; for it would be better for us that the sun were extinguished, than that we should be without friends.

— *Saint Chrysostom*



**I**F, as a mere matter of strength and resource, I were to face life with the choice of either a fortune or friends, I would choose the latter as more helpful.

— *Theodore Munger*



**L**ONG have the poets vaunted, in their lays,  
 Old times, old loves, old friendships, and old wine  
 Why should the old monopolize all praise?  
 Then let the new claim mine. — *Ella Wheeler Wilcox*



**T**HAT two men may be real friends, they must have opposite opinions, similar principles, and different loves and hatreds. — *Chateaubriand*



**T**HE more we love, the better we are; and the greater our friendships are, the dearer we are to God. — *Jeremy Taylor*



**A**ND it brooks wi' nae denial,  
 That the dearest friends are auldest friends,  
 And the young are just on trial. — *Robert Louis Stevenson*



**L**ET me live in a house by the side of the road  
 Where the race of men goes by —  
 The men who are good, and the men who are bad,  
 As good and as bad as I.  
 I would not sit in the scorner's seat  
 Or hurl the cynic's ban —  
 Let me live in a house by the side of the road  
 And be a friend to man. — *Sam Walter Foss*

**I**PITY from my heart the man who has no pattern-man whom he can thoroughly admire and esteem. Admire, yes, wonder at, look at, as something beyond, above, and truly better than himself; honoring his friend so purely that he himself is purified and dignified by the worthiness of the honor he bestows.

— *Phillips Brooks*



**G**OOD friends are better than fine gold!

I find it sweet as I grow old  
To prove to you this happy truth  
To which I held in early youth,  
And having proved, shall ever hold:  
Good friends are better than fine gold!

— *A. J. Granniss*



**I**'VE often wished that I had clear  
For life, six-hundred pounds a year,  
A handsome house to lodge a friend,  
A river at my garden's end.

— *Jonathan Swift*



**A**N old friendship is like an old piece of china. It is precious only just so long as it is perfect. Once it is broken, no matter how cleverly you mend it, it is good for nothing but to put on a shelf in a corner where it won't be too closely looked at.

— *Amelia B. Edwards*

**A**TTENTION to detail is the secret of success in every sphere of life, and little kindnesses, little acts of considerateness, little appreciations, little confidences, are all that most of us are called upon to perform, but they are all that are needed to keep the friendship sweet.

— *Hugh Black*



**W**OULDST have a friend? — wouldst know what friend is best?

Have God thy friend: He passeth all the rest.

— *James Whitcomb Riley*



**A**ND do as adversaries do in law,  
Strive mightily, but eat and drink as friends.

— *Shakespeare*



**E**VEN the utmost good-will and harmony and practical kindness are not sufficient for friendship, for friends do not live in harmony merely, as some say, but in melody.

— *Henry D. Thoreau*



**E**AR is my friend — yet from my foe, as from my friend, comes good;

My friend shows what I can do, and my foe what I should.

— *Friedrich von Schiller*

**O** WHO will walk a mile with me  
Along life's merry way?  
A comrade blithe and full of glee,  
Who dares to laugh out loud and free.

O who will walk a mile with me  
Along life's weary way?  
A friend whose heart has eyes to see  
The stars shine out o'er the darkling lea.

With such a comrade, such a friend,  
I fain would walk till journey's end,  
Through summer sunshine, winter rain,  
And then? Farewell, we shall meet again!

— *Henry van Dyke*



**T**HE wealth of a man is the number of things which he  
loves and blesses, which he is loved and blessed by.

— *Thomas Carlyle*



**F**ROM friend to friend the choicest gift  
That ever love can give,  
Is that which comes the heart to lift,  
Or help the soul to live.  
Of all fair bounties ever sought,  
Of gems or jewels rare,  
What treasure like a friendly thought  
Or love's far-reaching prayer.— *Mary Mapes Dodge*

**S**OME people keep a friend as children have a toy bank, into which they drop little coins now and again; and some day they draw out the whole of their savings at once.



**I**F you would know how rare a thing a true friend is, let me tell you that to be a true friend a man must be perfectly honest.

— *Henry W. Shaw*



**T**WO people who are friends make themselves responsible for each other. If I had a friend, and he went to the band, and I met him in rags and poverty and disgrace, and if it ruined me to own him and help him, I should have to do it. If two men are really friends, nothing can come between them.

— *David Christie Murray*



**T**AKE heed of thy friends. A faithful friend is a strong defense; and he that hath found such a one hath found a treasure. Nothing doth countervail a faithful friend, and his excellency is invaluable.

— *Proverbs*



**W**EN only become friends by a community of pleasures. He who cannot be softened into gaiety, cannot be easily melted into kindness.

— *Johnson*



**I** ALWAYS avoid contention, but if it shall happen, I had rather lose my money than my friend.

— *Erasmus*

**A**LONZO OF ARAGON was wont to say in commendation of age, that age appears to be best in four things — old wood to burn, old wines to drink, old friends to trust, and old authors to read.

— *Francis Bacon*



**T**RUE friends visit us in prosperity, only when invited, but in adversity they come without invitation.

— *Theophrastus*



**T**HE friendship which has no gift of sacrifice is not the ideal. If it fail at the point of sacrifice, it fails at the vital point.

— *William Rader*



**I**N other words, friendship consists in being a friend, not in having a friend; in giving one's affections unselfishly and unreservingly to another.

— *H. C. Trumbull*



**A** FAITHFUL and true friend is a living treasure, inestimable in possession, and deeply to be lamented when gone. Nothing is more common than to talk of a friend; nothing more difficult than to find one.

— *Robert Hall*



**T**HE difficulty is not so great to die for a friend, as to find a friend worth dying for.

— *Home*

**T**HERE is that in our characters which can never be seen except in our writings; in fact, if you told your best friend half of what you put upon paper he would yawn in your face or he would think you a fool.

— *Edward Bulwer-Lytton*



**W**E were friends from the first moment. Sincere attachments usually begin at the beginning.

— *Joseph Jefferson*



**P**EOPLE who always receive you with great cordiality rarely care for you. Your true friends make you a partaker of their humors.

— *Manley H. Pike*



**T**HE man who has reached middle life with half a dozen friends — real friends, who will bear all the tests of friendship — is rarely fortunate. One or two such friends are all that most of us can hope to win, and we may count ourselves rich with them.



**A**LL men have their different objects of ambition — horses, dogs, money, honor, as the case may be, but for my own part I would rather have a good friend than all these put together.

— *Socrates*

**I** NEVER ask God, or hardly ever, for outward things; I do not know that I ever asked Him for glory and honor, and I hope I never shall; and I very seldom ask Him for material things apart from the kingdom; but I sometimes say things like this, that if God will give me three or four good friends, I think I can manage to continue to the end, because love is the machinery of life and the motive power.

— *Rendel Harris*



**T**HERE are three faithful friends—an old wife, an old dog, and ready money.

— *Franklin*



**I** THINK the great strength of friendship consists more in liking the same things than in liking each other.

— *Henry W. Shaw*



**I**F there has come to us the miracle of friendship; if there is a soul to which our soul has been drawn, it is surely worth while being loyal and true.

— *Hugh Black*



**S**TRIKE hands with me, the glasses brim, the sun is on the heather

And love is good and life is long and two are best together.

— *Edward Wrightman*



**T**HE ruins of old friendships are a more melancholy spectacle to me than those of isolated palaces. They exhibit the heart that was once lighted up with joy all damp and deserted and haunted by those birds of ill omen that only nestle in ruins.



**F**RIENDSHIP survives death better than absence.



**F**RIENDSHIP based solely upon gratitude is like a photograph; with time it fades.



**A**NIMALS are such agreeable friends—they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms. —George Eliot



**F**RIENDSHIP often ends in love; but love in friendship never. —Caleb Colton



**F**RIENDSHIP made in a moment is of no moment. —Proverb



**W**HEN you make a new friend, think of the future enemy who is already in him.

**H**IS gain is loss, for he that wrongs his friend  
 Wrongs himself more, and ever bears about  
 A silent court of justice in his breast,  
 Himself a judge and jury, and himself  
 The prisoner at the bar, ever condemned.



**F**RRIEND is a word of Royal tone;  
 Friend is a Poem all alone.

— *A Persian Poet*



**B**ROKEN friendship may be soldered, but never made sound.



**A**FRIEND may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature.



**A**S the yellow gold is tried in fire, so the faith of a friend-  
 ship must be seen in adversity.

— *Ovid*



**F**RRIENDSHIP is immeasurably better than kindness,

— *Cicero*



**I**WOULD that I were worthy to be any man's friend.

— *Henry D. Thoreau*



**J**UDGE not thy friend until thou standest in his place.

— *Rabbi Hillel*

**F**RIENDSHIP is the holiest of gifts;  
 God can bestow nothing more sacred upon us!  
 It enhances every joy, mitigates every pain.  
 Everyone can have a friend,  
 Who himself knows how to be a friend. — *Tiedge*



**A** MAN'S love is the measure of his fitness for good or bad company here or elsewhere. Men are tattooed with their special beliefs, like so many South Sea Islanders; but a real human heart with divine love in it, beats with the same glow under all patterns of all earth's thousand tribes.



**F**AIN'T heart never won true friend. O my friend, may it come to pass, once, that when you are my friend I may be yours. — *Henry D. Thoreau*



**M**Y friend is not perfect—no more am I—and so we suit each other admirably. — *Pope*



**I** KNOW not whether our names will be immortal; I am sure our friendship will. — *Walter Landor*



**F**RIENDS are like melons. Shall I tell you why?  
 To find one good, you must a hundred try.  
— *Claude Monet*

**H**E who would enjoy many friends and live happy in this world, should be deaf, dumb, and blind to the follies and vices of it.

— *Edward Moore*



**F**RIENDSHIP is a wide portal, and sometimes admits love.

— *Anna Katherine Green*



**Y**OUR name may flaunt a titled trail,  
Proud as a cockerel's rainbow tail;  
And mine as brief appendix wear  
As Tam O'Shanter's luckless mare;  
Today, old friend, remember still  
That I am Joe and you are Bill.

How Bill forgets his hour of pride,  
While Joe sits smiling at his side;  
How Joe in spite of time's disguise,  
Finds the old schoolmate in his eyes,—  
Those calm, stern eyes that melt and fill  
As Joe looks fondly up at Bill.

— *Oliver Wendell Holmes*



**G**REATER love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend.

**O**NLY he who is unwilling to love without being loved,  
is likely to feel that there is no such thing as friendship  
in the world.

— *H. C. Trumbull*



**W**HAT'S the good of money if it ain't to help a friend  
out with? I believe in friends, I do. Here we go  
hopping around this little world for a small time, and then  
that's done. S'pose you ain't got any real friends for the trip?  
Rotten, I say!

— *Henry Wallace Phillips*



**O**NE must shed his blood to serve his friends and to avenge  
himself upon his enemies; otherwise he is not worthy of  
the name of man.

— *Voltaire*



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**T**URN my pages — never mind  
If you like not all you find;  
Think not all the grains are gold  
Sacramento's sand-banks hold.

Best for worst shall make amends,  
Find us, keep us, leave us friends,  
Till, perchance, we meet again.  
Benedicite — Amen!

— *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

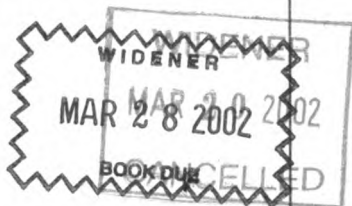


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